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BRYAN PICNIC

Shades of the old-fashioned Sunday School picnic hit East Tennessee recently, when practically the entire Bryan University Family, faculty, staff, single students, married folks and children piled into cars of every size and type and drove out to Watts Bar Dam for an afternoon of fun and food.

Though softball seemed to be the central attraction, some of the more active individuals harkened back to the old days and skinned their knees and noses trying to win the sack and three-legged races.

Others, somewhat less energetic, but with a yen for fish, spent their time at the lakeside, casting into the pond in hopes that some thoughtless bass, crappie, or pike would venture 10 ft on a picnic of his own.

And still others took advantage of visiting the dam itself, taking the elevator through the 150 feet of solid rock to where they could walk across to visit the locks on the far side.

Following a good filling meal, which hit a good many "spots" in a satisfying sort of way, the group sat around the hillside and listened to a devotional period under the leadership of Dan Hirschy, a graduate of the University who has spent the past five years with his wife and children, in French Equatorial Africa, preaching Christ to many who had never heard the Gospel message.

Basketball

And once again basketball was found to be decidedly in the red, as the Scarlet lassies and lads both topped off their Gold opposition in the second of the three-game series for points in the intra-mural contests.

With Leona Bell, closely followed in points by Willene McLeroy, carrying off top honors in the ladies' game, the Scarlets were able to total 23 points to their opponent's 10.

In the men's game, top scoring honors went to Raymond Newby, with 11 points, as he led his Scarlets to a six-point victory over the Golds, final score being 28 to 22.

UNIVERSITY ADMITTED TO TENNESSEE COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

Windows

Another "milestone" was reached and partially passed in our building program last week when the contractors arrived to install the panes in the steel window frames recently placed in the walls of the northern end of the administration building. Practically all the exterior walls are up and all windows are in.

As funds come in, the interior walls will be raised, dividing the area into rooms for classes, offices, or whatever rooms are needed. There is yet much to be done if the building is to be put into full use next fall, as we trust it shall be.

UNUSUAL SURPRISE

A day set aside for prayer for the needs of the University and of thanksgiving for the meeting of those needs was made an even greater testimony to the faithfulness of our Lord by the timely arrival of a letter in the middle of the afternoon service. In the letter, itself a beautiful testimony, from a Christian layman and his family, was a check for a gift of \$2,000.00 and a loan to the University of \$3,000.00. Needless to say, the *Doxology* rang out in the chapel with a new intensity of meaning and thanksgiving, as hearts were lifted in thanks to the Lord and for the ones who had remembered the Day of Prayer in that particular way.

Commoner Work Continues

Judging by the amount of apparent labor on the part of the staff, the worried wrinkles on the editor's brow, and the amount of time the photographic editor is spending in the darkroom, the *Commoner* must be pretty well along in the making, with promises of being an outstanding volume when it does appear. We have no definite information on the publication date as yet, but friends desiring copies had better get their orders in soon—it can't be very far away.

At the annual meeting of the Tennessee College Association in Knoxville on the twenty-third of last month the members voted unanimously to admit to the Association the William Jennings Bryan University. Though the Association is not an accrediting agency, membership is greatly to the advantage of the University, which will gain the advantages to be had in academic fellowship with other institutions of higher learning.

Membership is largely based on an endorsement of the aims and standards of the Association and on a continued effort on the part of the incoming institution to seek full accreditation from a recognized agency, in the South, the Southern Association of the Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Anniversary Seals

Advertising its twentieth year of service as a Christian college, Bryan University is placing on all mail that leaves the University a very colorful and lovely seal. These attractive little reminders are a sparkling "B" in metallic gold, impressed with the years 1930-1950, the University coat of arms, and the words "Anniversary—Bryan University, Dayton, Tennessee." The "B" is approximately one and three quarter inches high and an inch and a half wide.

Friends of the University who would like to have them for use on personal letters can purchase them at the rate of 25 for 15 cents; 50 for 25 cents; 100 for 45 cents.

FIRST TRACK MEET

April 28th brings to the University its advent into the field of inter-collegiate track, when the team journeys south to meet the University of Chattanooga in that city. Though the Bryanites are as yet almost entirely untried, reports from the coach are encouraging and lead us to believe that Bryan will be "in the race."

MORE SENIORS

FRANCIS M. BRILL Winchester, Virginia

Bible Frank's is a B.A. in English. His spare time has included forensics, science, band, orchestra, and regular ministering in the street meetings and jail services. All this should equip Frank for further training at Grace Theological Seminary.

"Great is thy faithfulness." I praise the Lord for all He has done for me. Truly, Galatians 5:22-23 reveals the attributes of Christ to me.



VERNON KOESTER Sheffield, Iowa

A B.A. in Bible, with ample time left for two years in the choir, one in the band, and regular services at the jail and at street meetings—these are parts of Vernon we shall not forget, as we wish him well at the Bible School or Seminary he expects to attend for further service.

I thank the Lord for the Bible training I have received at Bryan. Next to that, I am thankful for the Christian fellowship I enjoyed while being here.



ARDELLE COSTLEY Davis, West Virginia

Following receipt of her B.S. in biology, Ardelle expects to attend a teacher's college in Michigan, and then on to minister as a teacher and translator, probably in Alaska. Doubtless her talents as an artist will be used there as they have here for the Lord.

I find Christ to be all sufficient. His abiding and indwelling presence gives me peace, joy, rest. My prayer—that continually "I may know Him." Phil. 3:10.



ROGER BACON Buffalo, New York

A future that involves further training and then service in French West Africa as a teacher and builder will follow Bud's graduation and receipt of a B.A. in Bible. His regular work on the campus will join with his Gospel work to provide good training for this interesting work of the Lord.

I've had the privilege at Bryan of studying under Christian professors, but more than that. I've been taught countless things by the Lord, Himself.



BRUCE BRICKEL Rittman, Ohio

A good part of what you are reading was printed by Bruce, as he has labored faithfully as chief printer for the past two years, along with a share in sports and the Lord's ministry. It has all resulted in a B.A. in English and Bruce looks forward to his own print shop specializing in Christian printing.

The Lord has been good to me, whereof I am glad. If it had not been for Him, I would not be able to get my education.



PAUL R. GILLESPIE Youngstown, Ohio

Taking a B.A. in history and pastoring the Federated Church at Bakewell, Tenn., have kept Paul busy, but they should prepare him well for a future which includes further training at the Dallas Theological Seminary and then a life of service in the mission field.

I am thankful for the privilege of attending a University in which Christ is preeminent: "Surely, the Lord is in this place . . ."



DONALD W. FARNER Ashland, Ohio

Don has left an impression on Bryan University in more ways than one. His ability to handle hammer and saw and to work in concrete has been used of the Lord, as have his quiet testimony, his consistent life and his personal work and preaching. It's a B.A. for Don, with an English major. Then to Grace Seminary.

I know that the Lord sent me to Bryan to prepare for His service. I thank Him for the opportunities and blessings which I have received.



HUGH I. COOMBS Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania

French his major, the piano a frequent sideline, Hugh soon gets his B.A. and travels on for graduate work, following which he, the Lord willing, heads for Africa, where his continued interest in missions will be put to practical use.

'Tis a blessed thought to know that He knows every step I take and that He goes before preparing the way in which He leads me. He is wonderful! Jn. 3:30.



Wheaton Moves In

If you see a stranger on the campus, don't let it worry you. Just ask him how things are going at Wheaton, for he is probably one of several recent visitors from that well-known Christian college up in Illinois. All of this is to say that the first week in April was Wheaton week at Bryan, guests from there numbering ten and including Col. and Mrs. Peter E. Skanse, parents of Mr. Skanse, Spanish Instructor; Miss Carroll Skanse; Miss Maja Lundmark, a missionary from China; Miss Kathleen Cowan, Asst. Dean of Women at Wheaton; Miss Bernice Oliver, Asst. Dietitian; Miss Lila Rogeness; and three former Bryan students now attending Wheaton; Ruth Ann Adams, Pearl Wallace and Herbert Birch, accompanied by George Cone, a Bryan graduate now attending Grace Theological Seminary at Winona Lake, Indiana.

G. DALMAIN CONGDON Des Moines, Iowa

Quietly doing his job, and doing it well, Dal receives his B.A., English major, in June. Pastor's Fellowship, F. M. F., child evangelism, and street and hospital meetings have kept him busy for the Lord, his artistic ability frequently adding to this service.

Wycliffe School of Linguistics, his M.A., and seminary lead on towards the foreign field.

My greatest testimony is that I'm saved by grace; my greatest ambition, to go forth weeping, bearing precious seed; my greatest hope, to see Jesus.



HAROLD H. GOEHRING Evans City, Pennsylvania

Sports, editing the Commoner, working on the M. S. M. Committee, and an interest in F. M. F. have served to keep Harold's nose to the proverbial academic grindstone. But still he wants more, for he follows his B.A. in history with work at Grace Theological Seminary—additional study to prepare him for mission educational work for Him.

God is a righteous, yet longsuffering and patient Father. He has impressed me with His strength and my weakness during four Bryan years.



In making a living today many no longer leave any room for life.—Joseph R. Sizoo.

STUDENTS!

The in-pouring of veterans to the educational institutions throughout the country has not yet come to a halt, but there is every evidence that the number of those admitted to our colleges under the G. I. Bill of Rights will be considerably smaller this coming year than last, when there was a drop in many of the colleges.

The opening onslaught of this movement struck the colleges four years ago, so that the graduates of this coming spring will consist primarily of veterans and will remove from our schools probably more graduates than ever fared forth at any one time. Quite naturally, the schools rejoice in having such an enlarged number of graduates. But they are very mindful of the fact that replacements for next year are less certain than heretofore. With a large graduating class and the possibility of a reduced entering class, nothing but a superhuman effort can hold attendance figures at their present levels.

Bryan University is endeavoring not only to maintain its present number, but to make a modest increase. New brochures and new advertising will tell the story of what the University has to offer worthy young men and women. The challenge of a Christ-centered liberal arts college in which, without sacrificing academic standards, spiritual values are emphasized is still available to high school graduates.

With a number of married students completing their work, it is quite likely that there will be a few trailers available. It is also true that conditions in Dayton make the finding of housing facilities considerably less of a problem than it was a year or two ago, so the University can accept additional married students.

Altogether, Bryan University is going to be ready to handle as many students as are now attending, plus probably another thirty or forty. We believe there are enough high-minded young people who want to attend a Christian college to fill our rooms, and we are continuing our building and academic expansion with that in mind.

But those young people must be told of Bryan. You are asked to write the Office of the Dean if you know of a young friend who is ready now or will be soon to go to college. Recommend the University to him. Send his name and address in, and we shall see that literature, a catalogue, and a personal letter are sent to him or to her promptly.

Frances E. Willard

By Amy C. Weech

Many years ago, a young woman with reddish brown hair passed up and down the aisles of a church seeking members for the Missionary Society. One of the worshippers, as she watched her, breathed a deep sigh and thought to herself, "O, if I only had a daughter like that."

A few years later, a father paced the bed-room floor, trying to quiet the restless baby in his arms; at last he said "This child ought to amount to something—she gives trouble enough."

Both the wish and the prophecy came true, for there was born to that wishing mother on September 28, 1839, in Churchville, N. Y., a little baby girl with reddish brown hair and that restless baby DID amount to something, for she was Frances E. Willard.

Born and reared in a Christian home, backed by a long line of famous ancestors among which were ministers and college professors and others of note, with educational advantages far in advance of those of her day and generation, she was well equipped for the work that made her world famous.

In her youth she was very ill with typhoid fever. She promised God, if she recovered she would give Him her heart and life; she kept her word and God opened wide the doors of service to her and she entered every one.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, that new and strange organization of women who were fighting the drink evil, was in its infancy, but growing rapidly when Frances E. Willard became its national president; her unexcelled ability as an organizer, her matchless oratory, coupled with her Christlike spirit, little by little broke down the age-long prejudice against women taking part in public life.

Her dream of carrying her organizing campaign into every town and city of 10,000 or more population was realized (1880). In one year alone she traveled 30,000 miles in every available means of transportation known in her day and generation.

The work has not yet caught up with some of her ideas and ideals. The methods of work carried on today by the W.C.T.U. are those developed when she became national president.

One day, when in California as she looked out over the Pacific, a vision came to her of a world Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and shortly thereafter the white ribbon was being carried across the seas.

She was in the forefront of every forward moving project. She literally gave her life for the uplift of humanity. On February 17, 1898, in the Empire Hotel in New York City, she breathed her last, whispering, as she raised her hand "How beautiful to be with God."

On that day in the city of Jerusalem a W.C.T.U. was organized. The entire world felt the impact of her death, the flags were at half-mast as her body was taken to Chicago. Her statue stands today under the dome of the Nation's Capitol. For more than fifty years it has stood there—ONE WOMAN, standing there among our honored dead.

Over a thousand women, representing every state in the union with visitors from



From my heart to you

Imagine the thrill in my heart on receiving the following from a former student of Bryan University:

"It has been a real joy to us to see the progress on the main building there at Bryan. We feel that our part has been so small in this great work. We pray regularly for the ministry of Bryan. Also for its needs of building and equipment . . . and I went to Bryan with about three hundred dollars in our pocket. We trusted the Lord to take us through. We spent about three years there in Bryan and had about fifty dollars of the first three hundred left. Then we went to Seminary and I graduated there in 1947, debt free absolutely. God always provided. We have so many wonderful testimonies to give to His providential Grace. Of course, when we came to . . . we had nothing, no furniture, no car, hardly any clothing, but on the other side we had seven years of education, a marvelous little girl, many wonderful promises from God's Word and—most of all—the Lord Jesus as our Savior. We were rich! God has abundantly provided—not superfluous—but met every need! Praise Him!

"In our three years here at . . . we have seen this church grow from a small mission church in a church basement, with approximately 90 members, to an active church of over 200 members, a new church building and into a real soul-winning ministry. We have a regular radio program each Lord's day, jail services, county home services, T. B. Sanatorium services, which keep us very busy. I never speak less than four times each Lord's day. And so goes the life of a busy pastor. Bryan has played no small part in this work. Many of my early experiences in Bryan have borne rich fruit in this home mission field. I must close now, but remember us in prayer and we shall continue to keep you folks before the throne of His Grace."

Yours in His Matchless Grace,

Judson Rudd

President

Canada and England gathered in that great Diamond Jubilee convention of the National W.C.T.U. held in Philadelphia in August 1949 to pledge their allegiance and their lives to carry on the work for which Frances E. Willard lived and died, the abolition of the traffic in alcoholic beverages.

FINANCIAL NOTES

We'll have to go some if April Gift Income this year is as good as last year, when the receipt of a \$10,000.00 bequest shot the April gift income up to \$13,858.44 for a new record. We begin the month \$4,147.00 ahead of last year, but more cramped financially because of increased operating expenses and heavy expenditures on the building.

We need to break the record again if construction on the building is to go forward. The \$5,000.00 check was a big help in March. Let's pray for several large gifts in April and let's everyone give as the Lord has prospered us.

(The following are copied from *The Wesleyan Methodist*, November 30, 1949)

THE VALUE OF EXPOSITORY PREACHING

"Those setting out to serve the Lord's people by preaching do well to covet earnestly the best gifts; and no gift can surpass in solid usefulness that of opening up the Word of God to the minds of the Lord's people. If you want an ever-fresh, ever-wholesome, ever-powerful ministry, ask the Bestower of gifts to give you one 'instructed unto the kingdom of heaven, an householder which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.'"

"The topical preacher soon wears himself out; the 'text-tag' preacher soon wears his hearers out; but the true expounder of the Holy Writ has a field so wide and rich that one lifetime is not long enough to till and reap it!"

—The Witness

"Our God is very jealous that there should be no slight put upon the Person and work of His blessed Son. God loves poor sinners so much that He sent His Son into the world to be the propitiation for our sins, but He loves His Son so much that He will not permit anyone in heaven who ignores the work that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished. It is only through His finished work that any of us have title to a place over yonder, and so our salvation is entirely by grace.—Selected.

THE PRAYER CLOSET

Prayer changes things! We wonder—how many things have we, as Christians who claim the power and the privilege of prayer, changed?

If each of our prayers were a brick, how many new walls would have been raised on Bryan Hill?

If each of our prayers were a window, how many rooms would have been lighted by us?

If each of our prayers were a young man or young woman with opportunity to attend a Christ-centered college, how near to overflowing would our Christian colleges be?

If each of our prayers were a soul saved and serving, how great would be the company of the Lord?

Prayer changes things! Are you faithful in praying?

EXCERPT FROM BRYAN UNIVERSITY CATALOGUE:

"The practical end in God's mind to the acquisition of knowledge, as well as of baser treasure, is to spread divine light and truth everywhere.

"Science today commonly tends to neutralize, if not paralyze, evangelistic activities; whereas the pursuit of scientific knowledge under Scripture light will kindle missionary fire, impart missionary ability and prompt missionary consecration, with the result that Gospel foundations become laid where Christ was not named."

—William C. Stevens

MARCH REPORT

Undesignated:

M S M	\$ 254.25
Other	3,794.60

Designated:

M S M for Building.....	450.89
Rhea County for Steel.....	200.00
Other Plant Fund.....	499.77

Total Gifts for March.....\$ 5,199.51

GRAND TOTAL

(10 Months.....\$42,532.57

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